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First Named Inventor: Cesar Z. Lina
Art Unit: 3764
Confirmation No.: 1761
Examiner: DeMille, Danton D.
Our File No.: PUL.504E.US

Message: Dear Sir or Madame:

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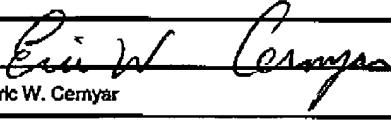
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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)			FEES CALCULATION (continued)		
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Deposit Account Number 500-326			Each claim over 20	18	9
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			1-month extension of time	110	55
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Design Filing Fee	350	175	_____
Plant Filing Fee	550	275	_____
Reissue Filing Fee	790	395	_____
Provisional Filing Fee	160	80	_____

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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

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